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CLAUDIO ABBADO
conductor

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conductor

Birthday: June 26

Birthplace: Milan, Italy

Studied: Conducting, piano, and composition in Milan

1992 CD Highlights: Debussy: *Pelléas et Mélisande*; Schumann: *Requiem for Mignon*; Rossini: *Barber of Seville* with Battle & Domingo; and a spirited Mahler: First Sym. with Berlin (his first recording as Music Director!)

Scouting Report: Claudio Abbado does it all: Music Director of the Vienna State Opera and the Berlin Philharmonic, Artistic Adviser of the Chamber Orchestra of Europe to name a few. With an astounding range of repertoire, his critically acclaimed recordings for DG include everything from Pergolesi to Ligeti. The *Boston Globe* says Abbado "is probably the most searching and accomplished conductor of the day."

Did You Know? Claudio Abbado and his classmate Zubin Mehta joined a Vienna chorus so they could work under Herbert von Karajan.

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MARTHA ARGERICH
pianist

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pianist

Birthday: June 5

Birthplace: Buenos Aires

Studied: Started playing piano at 3

1992 CD Highlights: Beethoven Cello Sonatas with Mischa Maisky; Liszt transcription of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony; Prokofiev Violin Sonatas with Gidon Kremer

Scouting Report: *People* magazine says Martha Argerich is "widely touted as the best woman pianist in the world." Her recordings for DG demonstrate the diversity of her extraordinary talent and broad repertoire interests. As a soloist, she has delivered some of the great performances of the Romantic piano concertos (her Tchaikovsky First is an undisputed classic). But she also excels on an intimate scale, joining partner Gidon Kremer in chamber music of composers from Beethoven to Messiaen.

Did You Know? Before winning the Chopin Competition in Warsaw in 1965, Martha Argerich considered becoming a secretary.

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KATHLEEN BATTLE
singer

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soprano

Birthday: August 13 **Birthplace:** Portsmouth, OH

Studied: Voice; Cincinnati Conservatory

1992 CD Highlights: Bach: Arias with Itzhak

Perlman; Carnegie Hall Recital; Bel Canto Arias; Handel: Semele; Rossini: Barber of Seville with Domingo; Rossini: *Il Signor Bruschino*

Scouting Report: One of opera's super divas, Grammy Award winner Kathleen Battle "sings like an angel." [*Vanity Fair*] Her media appearances and runaway DG bestseller

"Spirituals in Concert" continue to broaden her audience. *New York Newsday* raved about Battle's Carnegie Hall recital debut last spring ending with the plea: "One can only hope that the microphones in front of Battle were placed there to capture the event.... This would make for a sensational recording." Good news. DG got it all.

Did You Know? Kathleen Battle taught music in the Cincinnati Public School System before being discovered as a major singing talent.

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LEONARD BERNSTEIN
conductor

COMMEMORATIVE

LEONARD BERNSTEIN

composer/conductor

Birthday: August 25 **Birthplace:** Lawrence, MA

Studied: Piano, composition & conducting at Harvard, Curtis and Tanglewood

1992 CD Highlights: Mahler: Ninth Sym. (his only recording with Berlin); Bruckner: Ninth Sym.; Sibelius: First Sym.; Works by Rorem, Del Tredici & his own Jubilee Games

Leonard Bernstein was one of the great artists of our century, who brought an unquenchable spirit and passion to all his life's work. His DG legacy includes a peerless cycle of Mahler Symphonies, splendid accounts of works by American composers such as Ives, Gershwin, and his beloved friend Aaron Copland, and invaluable recordings of his own works, including his musical masterpieces *West Side Story* and most recently, *Candide*.

Did You Know? Leonard Bernstein could never choose from his many Swatch watches, so he often wore more than one.

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PIERRE BOULEZ
conductor

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conductor

Birthday: March 25

Birthplace: Montbrison,
France

Studied: Piano, composition, choral conducting at
Paris Conservatory

1992 CD Highlights: Bartok's Wooden Prince;
Works by Debussy & Stravinsky's Rite of Spring

Scouting Report: Pierre Boulez' reputation as a spokesman for the avant-garde and as a conductor of modern music often obscures recognition of his insight into the works of Romantic composers such as Wagner and Mahler. His recordings for DG will, however, include those works for which he is most famous: Webern, Messiaen, and, yes, Boulez. His partners will be two great American Orchestras: the Chicago Symphony and the Cleveland Orchestra.

Did You Know? Pierre Boulez loves red wine and good jokes in several languages.

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JOSÉ CARRERAS
singer

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tenor

Birthday: December 5

Birthplace: Barcelona,
Spain

Studied: Operatic debut at 11 at the Liceo,
Barcelona

1992 CD Highlights: Verdi: Requiem & Four
Sacred Pieces with Cheryl Studer & Vienna
Philharmonic, conductor Claudio Abbado

Scouting Report: One of the most celebrated
tenors today, José Carreras is loved for his deeply
sensitive portrayals and the natural lyricism of his
singing. For DG he sang the role of Tony in
Leonard Bernstein's best-selling recording of
West Side Story. Regarding his Pinkerton on
DG's Madama Butterfly, *Opera News* wrote that
Carreras was "in his best form—passionate yet
sweetly temperate."

Did You Know? José Carreras studied chemistry
before embarking on serious vocal studies.

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MYUNG-WHUN CHUNG
conductor

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conductor

Birthday: January 22

Birthplace: Korea

Studied: Piano, debut at age 7 with Seoul

Philharmonic; conducting at Mannes & Juilliard; assistant to Carlo Maria Giulini.

1992 CD Highlights: Bizet Orchestral Works; Prokofiev: Ivan the Terrible; Messiaen: Turangalila Symphony

Scouting Report: Myung-Whun Chung's appointment as Music Director of the Bastille Opera produced a wave of excitement in Europe. Chung's wide-ranging musical interests promise a colorful future for the Parisian company, one which will bring DG many exciting projects, including Shostakovich's Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk. His exclusive contract with DG also includes orchestral repertoire with the Bastille Opera and the Chicago Symphony.

Did You Know? Myung-Whun Chung has two famous musician sisters: violinist Kyung Wha Chung and cellist Myung Wha Chung.

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PLÁCIDO DOMINGO
singer

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tenor

Birthday: January 21 **Birthplace:** Madrid, Spain

Studied: Piano, composition and conducting at the Mexico City Conservatory

1992 CD Highlights: *Tosca* with Freni & Sinopoli; Wagner: *Flying Dutchman*; Beethoven: *Missa Solemnis*; Rossini: *Barber of Seville* ; Penellas: *El Gato Montes*. As conductor: Falla: *3-Cornered Hat* & *El Amor Brujo*

Scouting Report: *Newsweek* featured Plácido Domingo on its cover with the title "King of the Opera," and proclaimed him "the tenor who comes closest to being The Tenor." Domingo's tremendous versatility is evidenced by his 27 different opera recordings for DG. His artistic curiosity promises further rewards in Wagner's *Flying Dutchman* and *Parsifal*.

Did You Know? Placido Domingo is a self-taught vocalist who began singing with his parents, both famous Zarzuela singers. He made his debut as a baritone.

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EMERSON STRING
QUARTET

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Established: New York, 1976

1992 CD Highlights: Schubert: Quintet in C with Rostropovich; Mozart: "Haydn" Quartets; Ives & Barber: Quartets

Scouting Report: With Grammy Awards for "Record of the Year" and "Best Chamber Music Performance", the Emerson String Quartet's recording of the complete Bartok String Quartets is a rage of the record industry. Their characteristic intensity and impact makes their planned recordings of Shostakovich and Beethoven cycles most eagerly awaited. "The Emerson Quartet succeeds in sounding at times like an orchestra and an outsize one at that! In terms of ensemble and virtuosity it is in a class of its own." *[Gramophone]*

Did You Know? The Emerson String Quartet is named after the essayist and poet, Ralph Waldo Emerson.

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MIRELLA FRENI
singer

MIRELLA FRENI

soprano

Birthday: February 27 **Birthplace:** Modena, Italy

Studied: Debut at the age of 20, Modena.

1992 CD Highlights: Puccini's *Tosca* with Placido Domingo, conducted by Giuseppe Sinopoli.

Scouting Report: Mirella Freni has long been one of the world's most beloved singers. Her interpretations of Puccini's heroines are peerless, with remarkable recordings on DG of *Madama Butterfly* and *Manon Lescaut*. Of her recent *Manon Lescaut* at the Met, *The Wall Street Journal* raved, "And was she ever wonderful—miraculous even—in these days of short careers and jumbo-sized divas....Rare indeed is it to hear someone sing with such taste and abandon. It was thrilling."

Did You Know? Mirella Freni grew up in the same village as Luciano Pavarotti: Modena, Italy, and is married to Bulgarian bass Nicolai Ghiaurov.

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PATRICK GALLOIS
flutist

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flutist

Birthday: April 17 **Birthplace:** Northern France

Studied: Flute with Jean-Pierre Rampal; Paris Conservatory

1992 CD Highlights: 4 Caprices for Flute by Paganini; Khachaturian Flute Concerto

Scouting Report: In 1991, flute virtuoso Patrick Gallois signed an exclusive contract with DG to record a wide range of solo, chamber and concerto repertoire from Baroque concertos to contemporary works for flute. His recording plans with DG include concertos by Vivaldi, Ibert, and Rodrigo, trios and quartets by Haydn and Mozart, and sonata and solo repertoire by Bach, Prokofiev, Hindemith, Martinu and Berio.

Did You Know? Patrick Gallois is the father of triplets.

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JOHN ELIOT GARDINER
conductor

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conductor

Birthday: April 20 **Birthplace:** Dorset, England

Studied: Viola & voice. First conducted at 15. Also received a degree in Arabic Studies from Cambridge University.

1992 CD Highlights for DG's Archiv

Produktion: Continuation of survey of great Mozart operas; Beethoven: Mass in C; Schumann Symphonies; Haydn: The Seasons

Scouting Report: An Early Music specialist, Gardiner first gained fame by forming the Monteverdi Choir in London in 1964. In 1968 he founded the Monteverdi Orchestra which took up period instruments to become The English Baroque Soloists in 1977. *Gramophone* says Gardiner's Mozart Concerto cycle with fortepianist Malcolm Bilson is "Mozart's music as he intended it to be heard."

Did You Know? John Eliot Gardiner has a 150-acre farm where he grows organic cereals and raises 700 sheep and 50 suckler cows.

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ANDREI GAVRILOV
pianist

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pianist

Birthday: September 21

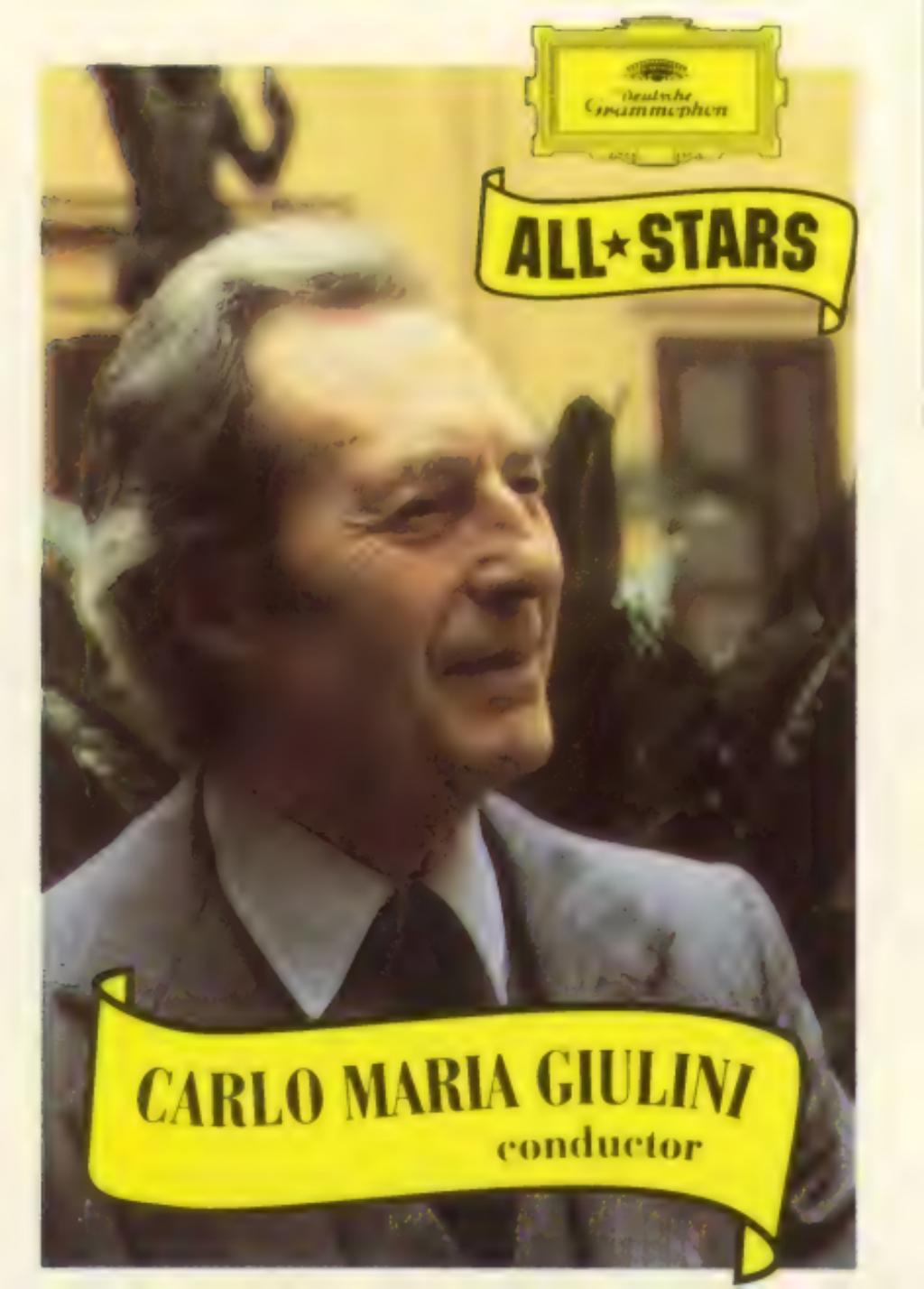
Birthplace: Moscow,
Soviet Union

Studied: Piano; Moscow Conservatory

1992 CD Highlights: Prokofiev: Piano Sonatas 3,7 & 8; Bach: Goldberg Variations; Schubert: Impromptus

Scouting Report: One of the most individualistic performers of his generation, Andrei Gavrilov recently signed a long-term exclusive contract with DG. Prokofiev will be a major focus of his recording activities—with plans for the complete sonatas and concertos—along with an extensive survey of Chopin's piano music.

Did You Know? Andrei Gavrilov made his western debut at the age of 18 substituting for legendary Soviet pianist Svjatoslav Richter at the Salzburg Music Festival — and DG first heard him there.



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CARLO MARIA GIULINI
conductor

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conductor

Birthday: May 9

Birthplace: Barletta, Italy

Studied: Viola in Rome at Conservatory of Santa Cecilia

1992 CD Highlights: Completion of Brahms Symphony cycle with Vienna Philharmonic

Scouting Report: Critics and record collectors wait patiently for each new recording from this most admired of conductors. He records infrequently, but each time, the listener has the feeling of having discovered the very essence of the greatest operatic and orchestral works. His Bruckner recordings for DG must be heard to be believed. As *The New York Times* wrote: "Giulini's spiritual qualities make him perhaps the most revered conductor wielding a baton today."

Did You Know? Maestro Giulini played viola under music legends Bruno Walter, Wilhelm Furtwängler, Otto Klemperer, and Richard Strauss.

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HAGEN QUARTET
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ensemble

Established: 1981, Salzburg

1992 CD Highlights: Beethoven & Schubert:
Quartets; Schubert: Quintet in C

Scouting Report: The Hagen Quartet woos audiences with their lyrical approach to 20th-century music—and has wowed critics with their recordings of Mozart's early string quartets. The young Austrians have been receiving in Europe the kind of enthusiastic ovations that the Kronos Quartet has generated in the U.S. "What is so refreshing about this youthful team is their willingness to take musical risks. They flirt with danger, teeter on the brink of technical possibility...The effect can be electrifying." *[The Guardian, London]*

Did You Know? The Hagen Quartet is composed of three sibling Hagens (Lukas, Veronica and Clemens) and Rainer Schmidt.

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MATT HAIMOVITZ
cellist

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cellist

Birthday: December 3 **Birthplace:** Israel, raised in
Palo Alto, California

Studied: Began cello at age 8; studied at Princeton

1992 CD Highlights: Solo Cello Works of
Britten, Reger, Crumb & Ligeti; Dvorak &
Schumann Cello Concertos with Berlin & James
Levine; Works by Schubert & Schumann for
Cello & Piano including the Arpeggione Sonata

Scouting Report: Matt Haimovitz made his DG
debut with a critically acclaimed recording of
Concertos by Lalo and Saint-Saens. *The Wall
Street Journal* lavished praise on the performances:
“A rich, singing tone and eloquent sense of late-
romantic rhetoric distinguish Haimovitz’
playing...and this disk promises bright things to
come.” Concert appearances this season include
Improvisations for Solo Cello and Electric Guitar
performed with composer/arranger Steve Mackey.

Did You Know? Matt Haimovitz was discovered
by Itzhak Perlman.

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YEVGENY KISSIN
pianist

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pianist

Birthday: October 10

Birthplace: Moscow

Studied: Piano, from 18 months; was composing & improvising at 3.

1992 CD Highlights: Beethoven's Choral Fantasy; Prokofiev: Third Piano Concerto

Scouting Report: Barely in his twenties, Yevgeny Kissin has astounded audiences and critics alike. His style of playing evokes the passion and poetry of the great Slavic Romantic pianists, and yet he never entered the Moscow Conservatory or any piano competitions. "Astonishing technique aside, this Russian pianist is one of the great talents of our generation...he is a clear candidate for the Horowitz-Rubinstein pantheon." *[The New York Post]*

Did You Know? Yevgeny Kissin, whose nickname is "Genya," loves vanilla ice cream and playing ragtime music.

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GIDON KREMER
violinist

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violinist

Birthday: February 27

Birthplace: Riga, Latvia
(USSR)

Studied: Violin; Moscow Conservatory

1992 CD Highlights: Works by Luigi Nono;
Prokofiev Violin Sonatas with Martha Argerich

Scouting Report: Gidon Kremer's dedication to new music has enriched the experience of both concert-goers and his fellow musicians. DG has been fortunate to document some of these efforts with critically-acclaimed recordings of pieces such as Gubaidulina's *Offertorium* and Schnittke's *Concerto Grosso* No. 1. A *New York Times Magazine* writer confessed: "I can think of no other violinist quite like him, no one as exasperatingly personal, arrogant, and individualistic or as driven and messianic."

Did You Know? Gidon Kremer's first paid engagement was at a funeral in Soviet Russia. His mission is to breathe new life into each work every time he plays.

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JAMES LEVINE
conductor

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conductor

Birthday: June 23 **Birthplace:** Cincinnati, OH

Studied: Piano with Rudolf Serkin; debut at 10

1992 CD Highlights: Verdi: *La Traviata* & Berlioz: *Requiem*—both with Pavarotti; Stravinsky: *Oedipus Rex*; works by Babbitt, Carter & Cage with Chicago

Scouting Report: As a conductor, pianist and chamber musician with an astonishing wealth of repertoire, James Levine must be counted as the busiest classical musician alive. Under his direction, the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra has emerged as one of the world's greatest ensembles. Levine and the Met have snared Grammy Awards for "Best Opera Recording" three years in a row! Wagner's *Siegfried* will be released in 1992 and will complete the first Ring Cycle ever recorded by an American orchestra.

Did You Know? James Levine's three favorite drinks are Evian water, Diet Coke, and Dom Perignon champagne.

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JEAN-MARC LUISADA
pianist

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pianist

Birthday: June 3 **Birthplace:** Tunisia, Raised in France

Studied: Began piano at 6; entered French National Conservatory in Paris at 16.

1992 CD Highlights: Chopin: Mazurkas; Granados: Goyescas

Scouting Report: One of DG's new stars, Jean-Marc Luisada is establishing himself as a major interpreter of the Romantic repertoire. His personal approach to Chopin, Schumann and Brahms, as well as the French masters Fauré, Debussy and Ravel, has been enthusiastically received in recitals and concerto performances in Europe and Japan.

Did You Know? An avid movie fan, Jean-Marc Luisada has amassed an enormous collection of videos.

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MISCHA MAISKY
cellist

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cellist

Birthday: January 10

Birthplace: Riga, Latvia
(USSR)

Studied: Cello; Moscow Conservatory with Rostropovitch, Piatigorsky's last student

1992 CD Highlights: Elgar Concerto & Tchaikovsky: Rococo Variations; Beethoven Sonatas with Martha Argerich; "Meditation"

Scouting Report: Mischa Maisky plays everything from Bach solo cello works to the Romantic concertos with a lavishness and fullness of tone that leaves the impression that this artist has given you all he has to give. *The New York Times* noted, "The second he hits his chair [he] performs with a level of fire and intensity that does not let up for the rest of the evening."

Did You Know? Mischa Maisky ran the gauntlet of the Soviet judicial system for an alleged currency infraction: he spent 14 months in a labor camp and 2 months in an asylum, before successfully emigrating to Israel.

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MUSICA ANTIQUA KÖLN
ensemble

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Established: Cologne, 1973 by Reinhard Goebel

1992 CD Highlights for DG's Archiv Produktion: Biber: Rosenkranz Sonatas; Heinichen: Concerti Grossi; Concertos by Torelli, Mossi, Valentini, Locatelli

Scouting Report: One of the joys of Musica

Antiqua Köln is their inexhaustible enthusiasm for uncovering musical buried treasures. Music lovers eager to know something about Biber or Prince Johann Ernst of Saxe-Weimar will do well listening to MAK—and critics agree. “Serious and scholarly in an almost fierce way, yet one also experiences a charm factor of ten when Musica Antiqua is on stage.” [*The San Francisco Chronicle*] They are exclusive DG artists with best-selling records since 1978.

Did You Know? Pre-Kronos Quartet, MAK created a stir in their early days when they used to perform in black leather.

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ANNE-SOPHIE MUTTER
violinist

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violinist

Birthday: June 29 **Birthplace:** Rheinfelden, West Germany

Studied: Began violin at 5.

1992 CD Highlights: Bartok: Second Violin Concerto; Moret: *En Rêve*

Scouting Report: An astonishingly talented artist, Mutter made her first DG recording at the age of 14 with Herbert von Karajan. Her DG releases began with the masterpieces of Mozart, Beethoven, and Brahms, but recent efforts have included critically acclaimed performances of Lutoslawski and Stravinsky. Her characteristic glamour and appeal prompted *Elle* magazine to name her "the Madonna of classical music."

Did You Know? One of Anne-Sophie Mutter's favorite pastimes is driving her Porsche at 140 mph "in countries where it is legal."



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**ORPHEUS CHAMBER
ORCHESTRA ensemble**



ORPHEUS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

ensemble

Established: 1972, New York

1992 CD Highlights: Works commissioned by Orpheus, including music by Druckman & Bolcom; R. Strauss: Bourgeois gentilhomme & Divertimento; Weber: Clarinet Concertos with member Charles Neidich

Scouting Report: Orpheus comprises 26 of the hottest young musicians in America. Playing without a conductor, Orpheus performs orchestral music with the intimacy and flexibility of a string quartet. Available exclusively on DG, Orpheus' recordings include vibrant, irresistible Mozart and Haydn, as well as works of 20th-century composers. *Musical America* called their Schoenberg Chamber Symphonies "arrestingly accomplished...thrilling for technique and full, rich tone alone."

Did You Know? Orpheus has its offices in a church bell tower 10 stories above Manhattan.

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ANNE SOFIE VON OTTER
singer

ANNE SOFIE VON OTTER

mezzo-soprano

Birthday: May 9 **Birthplace:** Stockholm, Sweden

Studied: Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London

1992 CD Highlights: Berlioz: Songs; Mozart: Marriage of Figaro with James Levine; Mozart: *La Clemenza di Tito* with John Eliot Gardiner

Scouting Report: Anne Sofie von Otter first achieved critical attention through her DG recordings of Handel's *Messiah* with Trevor Pinnock and as Olga in *Eugene Onegin* with James Levine. Now she's a singer in incredible demand. *Musical America* said it's "a safe bet that she will turn out to be one of the leading recitalists of her generation." At the 1990 International Record Critics Awards, Anne Sofie von Otter was named "Recording Artist of the Year."

Did You Know? Anne Sofie von Otter says as a vocal student she never liked opera; she "was more interested in sounding like Julie Andrews."

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SEIJI OZAWA
conductor

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conductor

Birthday: September 1

Birthplace: Hoten,
Manchuria (Japan)

Studied: Piano, composition, and conducting.

1992 CD Highlights: Prokofiev Symphonies with the Berlin Philharmonic; the complete Nutcracker Ballet with the Boston Symphony

Scouting Report: Seiji Ozawa's conducting is marked by an unmistakable exuberance and a flair for orchestral color—qualities especially affecting in his DG recordings of French and Russian orchestral and ballet music. Commenting on his complete recording of Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet, the *Daily News* said, "under Ozawa, the Boston Symphony Orchestra remains an utterly impeccable instrument."

Did You Know? Initially a pianist, Seiji Ozawa shifted his emphasis to conducting and composition after breaking 2 fingers at the age of 15.

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ITZHAK PERLMAN
violinist

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violinist

Birthday: August 31 **Birthplace:** Tel Aviv, Israel

Studied: Started violin at 5, at 9 gave a recital with the Israel Radio Orchestra

1992 CD Highlights: Bach Arias with Kathleen Battle

Scouting Report: Itzhak Perlman is undoubtedly one of the great violinists of the century. His latest recordings for DG have focused on Mozart's major works for violin. The complete recordings of the Mozart Violin Concertos with James Levine and the Vienna Philharmonic have been joined recently by a complete cycle of the Sonatas for Violin and Piano with Daniel Barenboim. In praise of his playing, *The New York Times* wrote, "For luxury of tone and visceral musicality, there is probably no more talented violinist in the world than Itzhak Perlman."

Did You Know? Itzhak Perlman appeared on The Ed Sullivan Show at the age of 13.

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TREVOR PINNOCK
conductor

TREVOR PINNOCK

harpsichordist/conductor

Birthday: December 16 **Birthplace:** Canterbury,
England

Studied: Piano, organ & harpsichord; former choir
boy at Canterbury Cathedral

1992 CD Highlights for DG's Archiv Produktion: Handel's Belshazzar; Purcell: King Arthur

Scouting Report: Trevor Pinnock founded the English Concert in 1973, and since then, his name has been synonymous with the joy of discovery associated with period instrument performance. No collection is complete without his universally acclaimed performances of the Brandenburg Concertos, Vivaldi's Four Seasons and other Baroque masterpieces. *High Fidelity* said it all: "Trevor Pinnock and his English Concert are rarely bashful about the spirited, at times headlong manner in which they make music."

Did You Know? Sometimes the absent-minded professor, Trevor Pinnock once took to the stage with two different shoes on.

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MARIA JOÃO PIRES
pianist

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pianist

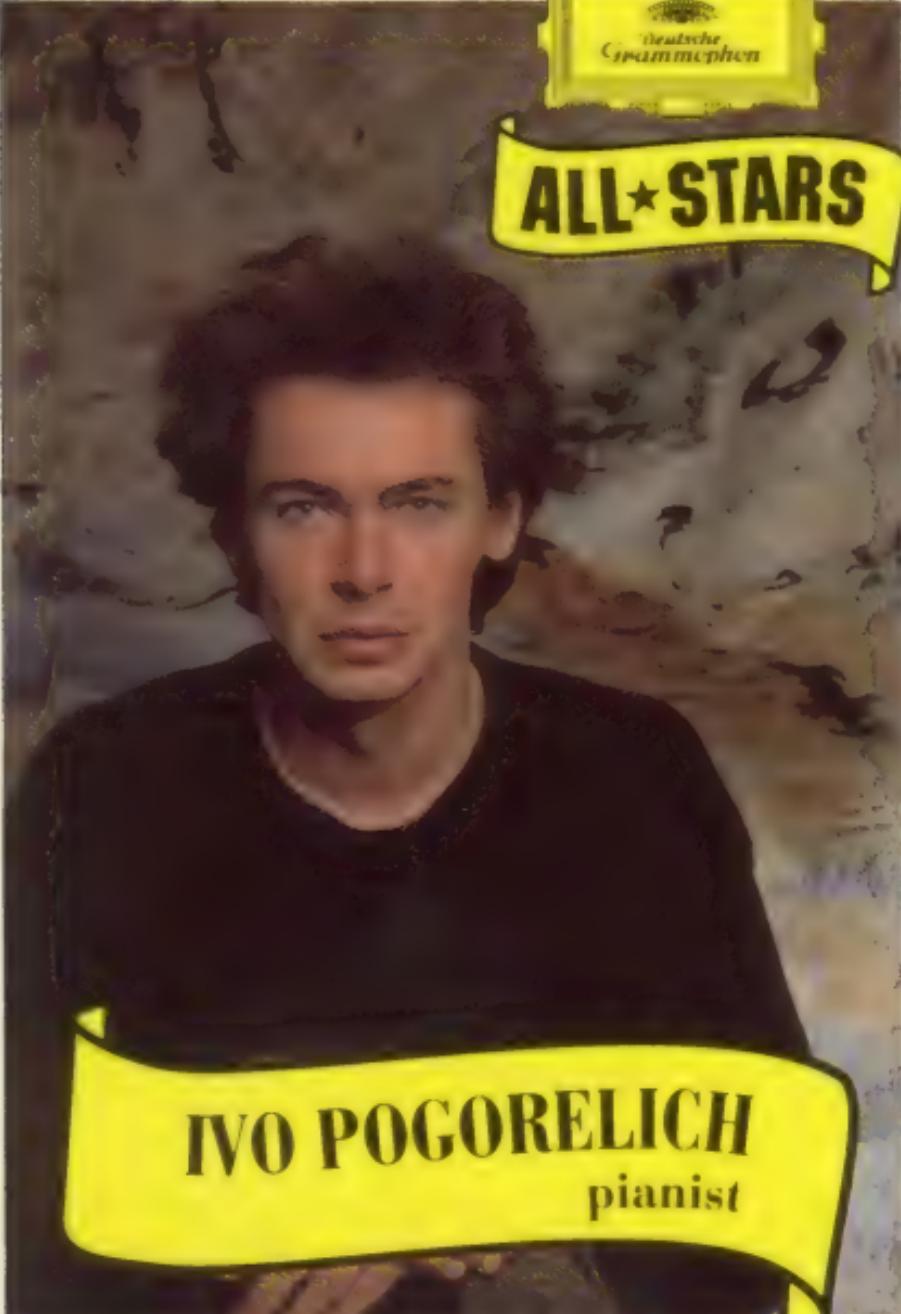
Birthday: July 23 **Birthplace:** Lisbon, Portugal

Studied: Made piano debut at 5

1992 CD Highlights: Chopin: Piano Concertos with Andre Previn; Schumann: Waldszenen & other works

Scouting Report: Maria-João Pires' DG debut recording of Mozart won a coveted Grand Prix du Disque. She continues her DG career with a survey of Mozart's piano music—she has already recorded the complete sonatas—and a recording of Schubert works. *The New York Times* calls Pires "a Classicist at heart" with "a fine balance between formal elegance and deep emotional drama." In a review of one of her Mozart recordings, *Gramophone* described her playing as "cultivated, discerning and immaculate."

Did You Know? Maria-João Pires' favorite residence is her farm in Portugal.



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IVO POGORELICH
pianist

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pianist

Birthday: October 20

Birthplace: Belgrade,
Yugoslavia

Studied: Began piano at 7

1992 CD Highlights: Sonatas by Liszt, Scriabin
& Chopin

Scouting Report: With a perfect mixture of virtuosity and notoriety, Ivo Pogorelich has achieved a level of popularity more associated with rock than with classical musicians—his fans can often be heard chanting “I-vo, I-vo, I-vo.” Pogorelich’s launch to stardom began when fellow pianist Martha Argerich proclaimed, “This man is a genius,” in protest against his expulsion from the renowned International Chopin Competition in Warsaw.

Did You Know? Ivo Pogorelich once lived in a castle in Scotland.

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MAURIZIO POLLINI
pianist

MAURIZIO POLLINI

pianist

Birthday: January 5

Birthplace: Milan, Italy

Studied: Started piano at 5, studied composition & conducting at Milan Conservatory

1992 CD Highlights: Continuation of Beethoven Piano Sonata Cycle; Debussy: Etudes; Music of Chopin

Scouting Report: Maurizio Pollini is one of the most gifted pianists of the century. His playing has been praised for its staggering virtuosity and commitment. Pollini's long-term exclusive contract with DG has produced definitive recordings of such varied repertoire as Beethoven Sonatas, Chopin Etudes, and 20th-century composers from Schoenberg to Nono and Boulez. *The Wall Street Journal* praised him quite aptly: "Mr. Pollini is, in fact, an anomaly in modern concert life, a gifted and renowned musician selflessly devoted to his art."

Did You Know? Maurizio Pollini is an expert chess player and a smoker of fine cigars.

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ANDREAS SCHMIDT
singer

ANDREAS SCHMIDT

baritone

Birthday: June 30 **Birthplace:** Düsseldorf, West Germany

Studied: Singing, piano, organ and conducting.

Graduated from the Robert Schumann Institute in Düsseldorf. Studied with Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau

1992 CD Highlights: Two major song cycles of Schubert: *Winterreise* and *Die Schöne Müllerin*

Scouting Report: One of DG's young stars, Andreas Schmidt has appeared on prize-winning recordings of diverse works from Bach's St. Matthew's Passion under John Eliot Gardiner to Zemlinsky Lieder. London's *Daily Telegraph* praises Schmidt's "suave voice of impeccable tonal beauty" and *The Musical Times* confirms that "Andreas Schmidt ranks with the best of baritones, present or past."

Did You Know? Andreas Schmidt's favorite vacation spot is Iceland, which he visits every year.

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GIL SHAHAM
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Birthday: February 19 **Birthplace:** Champaign-Urbana, Illinois

Studied: Began violin at 7; Columbia University

1992 CD Highlights: Violin Concertos by Paganini & Saint-Saens, plus two Concertos by Wieniawski

Scouting Report: Many new violinists arrive on the musical scene each season, but few earn the unadulterated praise that Gil Shaham has received with his first DG release. "On this debut concerto recording, he proves himself a virtuoso of the first order," claimed *The New York Times*. Shaham's greatest passion is simply to entertain, and audiences delight in his serious, unpretentious manner, his big, rich sound, and his intense music-making. His Carnegie Hall Recital Debut is in January 1992.

Did You Know? Gil Shaham is a "Nick at Night" fanatic.



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A black and white portrait of conductor Giuseppe Sinopoli. He is wearing a dark fedora hat and a dark suit with a white shirt and a patterned tie. He is looking slightly to the left of the camera. The background is a soft-focus view of a city skyline, possibly New York City, with buildings and a bridge visible.

GIUSEPPE SINOPOLI

conductor

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Birthday: November 2 **Birthplace:** Venice, Italy

Studied: Violin, organ and medicine

1992 CD Highlights: Mahler: Das klagende Lied; Respighi Orchestral Works; Puccini's *Tosca*; Wagner's *Flying Dutchman* with Studer and Domingo; Elgar's First Symphony

Scouting Report: Giuseppi Sinopoli is a musical maverick. The phrase "basic repertoire" could never be used about his DG efforts in the orchestral realm, with recordings that continually surprise, even shock, with their originality. No less so with his opera recordings. *The New York Times* raved that his *Madama Butterfly* was "a tremendously captivating and convincing performance from a controversial conductor."

Did You Know? Giuseppe Sinnopoli received a Ph.D in psychoanalysis after his dissertation "A Study of the Artistic Expression of Deviant Mentality." However, he never practiced medicine and instead began composing and conducting.

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CHERYL STUDER
singer

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soprano

Birthday: October 24 **Birthplace:** Midland, MI

Studied: Piano, viola, began voice at 12. Studied at Interlochen & Tanglewood.

1992 CD Highlights: Schubert: Songs; Verdi: *La Traviata* with Pavarotti; Sacred Arias; Wagner: *Flying Dutchman*; Mahler: *Das Klagende Lied*; Barber: Songs; Donizetti: *Lucia di Lammermoor*

Scouting Report: *The Wall Street Journal* wrote that Cheryl Studer "has never met a role that didn't beg her to sing it." DG's new exclusive artist is quickly becoming the rage of the opera world. The *Gramophone* review of her *Salomé* says it all—"the power of Nilsson, the understanding of Behrens and the subtlety of Caballe...She has all her rivals' accomplishments and something more."

Did You Know? An avid theorist, Cheryl Studer believes that her "Midwestern twang" has helped her voice production. Her alleged favorite dessert is Cherry Strudel.



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Founded: Vienna 1842

1992 CD Highlights: Bruckner: Ninth & Sibelius: First Symphonies with Bernstein; Debussy: *Pélleas et Mélisande* & works by Webern & Schoenberg with Abbado; Beethoven: Missa Solemnis with Levine; Brahms: 2nd & 3rd Symphonies with Giulini

Scouting Report: The Vienna Philharmonic is one of the cornerstones of classical music. No other orchestra has played under a more prestigious list of conductors: Wagner, Verdi, Bruckner, Mahler, Brahms, Liszt, Furtwängler, Karajan, and Bernstein, to mention a few! After seeing the VPO not long ago, *The New York Times* wrote "The musical responsiveness of this orchestra may be a legend, but it is no myth."

Did You Know? The Vienna Philharmonic celebrates its 150th Anniversary in 1992—the same year as the New York Philharmonic

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LILYA ZILBERSTEIN
pianist

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Birthday: April 19

Birthplace: Moscow

Studied: Began piano at 5, Gnessin Music School (Moscow)

1992 CD Highlights: Piano Sonatas by Schubert & Liszt

Scouting Report: One of DG's young stars, Lilya Zilberstein's dazzling technique and tonal sensitivity are inviting comparisons to the great 19th-century pianist, Clara Schumann. Her DG debut recording of Rachmaninoff and Shostakovich earned glowing praise from the *San Francisco Examiner*: "She is evidently a pianist of striking individuality.... The Rachmaninoff Preludes have rarely been treated to such an electrifying reading."

Did You Know? Lilya Zilberstein now lives in Hamburg with her trumpet playing husband and their baby. (*Sinfonia Domestica!*)

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KRYSTIAN ZIMERMAN
pianist

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Birthday: December 5 **Birthplace:** Zabrze, Upper Silesia, Poland

Studied: Piano at 5, Katowice Conservatory

1992 CD Highlights: Lutoslawski: Piano

Concerto; Schubert: Impromptus; Liszt: Recital; Beethoven: Concertos with Bernstein & Vienna, Debussy: Preludes

Scouting Report: Krystian Zimerman is a renaissance man with passionate interests not only in music but also in philosophy, current events, and science. "Music reflects the experiences you get from seeing a movie, or reflecting on what's happening in Asia, or what's happening in your life," says Zimerman. *The Washington Post* has compared him to his revered mentor and friend: "Zimerman has a singing resonance in his lyric melodic lines that makes one think of the playing of his fellow countryman Arthur Rubinstein."

Did You Know? Zimerman can dismantle, repair, and reassemble a concert grand in a single evening.